



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

1:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: President Troost, Vice President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Commissioner Chang, Commissioner Colley, Commissioner Reitnouer, Commissioner Teran and Commissioner Wright

Excused: Commissioner Weller, Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Welt Narro

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order by President Troost. (11-4502)

The meeting was called to order by President Troost at 1:07 p.m.

President Troost introduced, newly appointed 5th District Commissioner, Edward A. Colley. Commissioner Colley is a member of the Board of Directors of Pleasant Industries, a program for developmentally handicapped adults and serves on several agencies within the San Fernando Valley. He is a retired Air Force Captain who teaches at a public school with a diverse student population, many with disabilities. He is very proud of his children, 3 of which served in the military.

After his statement, Commissioner Neal asked Commissioner Colley if he would be interested in being part of the Education Committee to help promote the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship program.

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of September 21, 2011. (11-4503)

On motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Neal, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

3. President's report as submitted for the month of October 2011. (11-4510)

President Troost with Commissioner Neal thanked those who attended the Access Awards luncheon and gave a special thank you to staff for their hard work with the Access Awards Luncheon. Potted plants were presented to each staff member. The Commission as a whole gave special kudos to staff in providing such a seamless event.

Rhonda Rangel thanked the Commission on behalf of staff and added, every year the event is staffed by every member of Commission Services. It takes everyone's effort to produce this annual event.

President Troost asked Rhonda Rangel to report on the Sunset Review Report for the Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Rangel reported the Sunset Review Report has been submitted and is now with the Audit Committee to draft a Board letter for approval to extend the Sunset Review date to 5 years before the next submission.

4. Events Committee Report for the month of October. (11-4501)

Commissioner Neal gave a brief summary of the Events Committee meeting held October 12, 2011 and finalized last minute arrangements for the Access Awards luncheon. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Sandy Varga.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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5. Summary Report by Angela Davis J.D., Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the LA County Chief Executive Office for the month of October 2011. (11-4512)

Angela Davis submitted a verbal report on the accessibility plans for her Department. The Department has slightly changed their focus to include all barrier removal in all facilities within Los Angeles County. The following was reported:

1. **Complaints regarding the Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center**
 - a. **The registration counter has been replaced; and**
 - b. **Parking accessibilities have been addressed**
2. **Franklin Roosevelt Park - ADA upgrades have been made in the restroom, parking, and swimming pool areas as well as paths of travel within the park.**
3. **Roy Campanella Park - ADA upgrades have been made in the restroom and parking areas, as well as paths of travel within the park.**
4. **The Disability Civil Rights Office is scheduled to move to the Hall of Administration by November 1, 2011. The office will be provided with a publically accessible area to meet the needs of the constituents.**

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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6. Monthly report by Giovanna Gogreve and Luis Burns of Access Services. (11-4513)

Giovanna Gogreve and Ngan Adams of Access Services presented a verbal update on the Tap Card Program and responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public. There have been close to 20,000 initial requests processed for the Tap Card Program. There is still about 4,200 voice messages still to process, both in English and Spanish.

Access Services has assigned a team to handle concerns in English and a team to handle concerns in Spanish. Flyers on the Free Fair Program and pamphlets on frequently asked questions about the new access cards were distributed. Members of the public were referred to the Access Services website and customer services number for additional information. On December 1, 2011, Access Services customers will need to use the new green Tap Cards when using their service.

Theresa de Vera, Sawako Nitao also addressed the Commission.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed. In addition, Ms. Gogreve will report back to the Commission on the following concerns:

1. Consideration of a Quick Guide flyer for consumers;
2. Information on back of Tap Card too small;
3. Information on Public Survey; and
4. Addition of Long Beach to Access Services Free Fare Program Partner

Attachments: [TAP CARD INFO](#)
 [FREE FAIR PROGRAM](#)

7. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO). (11-4514)

Mr. Hazen presented a verbal report on the following and responded to questions posed by the Commission and a member of the public:

1. Metro formed the new Civil Rights Programs Compliance out of the Office of the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer. Daniel Levy is the appointed Director and the appointed ADA Compliance Officer who oversees ADA, EEO, and Title VI.
2. Rail construction:
 - a. Expo – will open after the first of the year
 - b. Crenshaw – will go out to bid for a design builder in November 2011. Completion of this project is scheduled for 2015
 - c. Westside Purple Line – In final stages of EIR work, should go out to bid for design and built in about a year
 - d. Regional Connector (extension of Blue Line that will take passengers to Union Station) in design for the 30%. When the 30% design is completed, Metro can go out to bid for a design/builder

- e. Gold Line East to Whittier – in second year of EIR two year study
- f. Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa – under construction.
Completion of this project is scheduled for 2014
- g. Orange Line - extension from Canoga Station to Metrolink Station in Canoga Park under construction. Completion of this project is scheduled for 2013

Phyllis Coto also addressed the Commission.

After discussion, his verbal report was received. No additional action was taken by the Commission.

8. Report on Access Board meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board representative. (11-4516)

Mr. Hagen gave a verbal overview of the report and responded to questions posed by the Commission. At the request of the Commission, Mr. Hagen will report back on the TPAC (Transportation Professionals Advisory Committee) and potential members of the Committee.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Announcements by Commissioners on upcoming events. (11-4610)

Commissioner Neal invited members of the Commission and all interested, to attend an awards luncheon given by The Disabilities Advisory Board to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park where the Disability Network will be presented an award.

Commissioner Teran made the following announcements:

- Attended the Boundary Review Committee redistricting public hearing and read in a letter regarding the captioning portion of the meeting. She expressed her concerns with misspelled words during the meeting. She requested this letter be forwarded to the proper channels; and

- **Will be attending a Health Fair at the Community Resource Family Center located at 929 Cypress Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90065, Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She invited Luis Burns of Access Services to speak at the Health Fair to answer any questions regarding the Tap Card Program.**

Matters Not Posted

- 10.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-3863)

Commissioner Neal requested someone from the Department of Public Social Services of California speak on the Medi-Cal facilities within Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Wright requested staff provide the Commissioners with the necessary tools needed to do outreach within the Community:

- 1. How to use the Commission on Disabilities website;**
- 2. Email and phone number for constituents who contact the Commission;**
- 3. Disability Network Television information; and**
- 4. A Separate insert sheet of the Commission's Mission Statement.**

Public Comment

- 11.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4504)

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

Adjournment

- 12.** Adjournment for the meeting of October 19, 2011. (11-4506)

On motion of Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner James, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Sandy Varga at 2:57 p.m.